

Surely they must have pain of some kind. Let us bear with them patiently, hoping that by and by they will outgrow their babyhood. I used to wonder very much about that lesson given by the great Teacher when he took the little child and placed it in the center of the assembly and told the big people to take a pattern. I do not think it was the natural innocence of that child that he referred to, neither do I think that he selected a child that was fretting or crying; neither was it a baby. But I have somewhat digressed. Perhaps we can get back to our starting point next week.

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Since Sunday Chicago lies under a deep mantle of snow. The worst storm of the season. While many suffer for fuel and clothes with which to keep warm, fate seems to have its compensations, for a large army of men are employed day and night shoveling, and carting the snow off the streets, and dumping it into the lake. Something like seventy-five thousand dollars will be paid out in wages for this work. Since the steady cold has set in, there is a diminution in the number of grip cases, and like diseases. I spend every afternoon calling and visiting the homes of the people, and find many in want. We are now trying to help a family of seven small children who are in need of clothing and coal. But we only try to supply the clothing. Our members here have contributed what they can spare, and all that has been sent in has been given out. I not only meet poverty with regard to the comforts of this life, but the poverty of soul and spirit is still more appalling, and it is this that we work to correct. I meet many who feel this need, and long for a better life, but alas know not, and are fain to believe, that the Lord can and will give them *life*. I now begin to understand why our Lord so often when among men on earth, demanded that men believe on Him. Ah, it is a great thing to believe. Lost comfortless human beings need a motive power to inspire them to action. "Saidest I not unto thee, that if thou wouldst only believe thou shouldst see the glory of God?" Ah, the glory of God. What could better show forth the glory of God, than a redeemed soul, raised from the death in sin, and caused to walk in the newness of life. Wonder if that was the lesson our Lord was trying to teach Martha? If thou wilt only believe. This belief that causes action. It is significant, that after the above saying of the Lord, the little group, of which Jesus, Mary and Martha were the center, went toward the tomb. "Lazarus came forth." But alas, there were the grave clothes on him. The Lord said "loose him and let him go." There are also many who have been raised from sin to live the new life, but alas they still wear the grave clothes; the marks of sin; the ideas entertained in their former life; their ways of worldliness, self-righteousness still cling to them. The Lord

says loose them; lay them aside. The life of Lazarus, after that belonged to Jesus, for He had given it to him. So also with us. Our Lord has redeemed us, and our lives belong to Him. The grave clothes must be laid aside, before we may put on the "wedding garment," the "robes of righteousness, which God has prepared for us.

"Only believe," says the Lord to the church, and thou shalt see the glory of God. The belief that acts; that walks with the Lord, even toward the tomb. Some one has said, "This constant demand of the church for money will impoverish the church." But I never heard of a farmer plowing his corn too much, and who ever heard of a church getting poor, because they worked too much, and gave too much? Paul said "the commandment which was unto life, I found to be unto death." But it was a death that Paul could afford to die, so can all others, for it is out of that grave yard that all the redeemed of God shall come, that we may see the "glory of God." If the church will only believe she shall see the glory of God, in her missions, in her Publishing House, in her College, in all the lines of work of Lord has called her to do. If contributions of money for the great work of the Lord, means the death of the church, then she can afford to die, for it will be the Lord himself that will be among the mourners at the tomb, and it will be His voice that shall call her forth to life most glorious, that we all may "see the glory of God," and it will be Jesus himself that shall sit with her at the "feast," a redeemed church feasting with a redeemer, just before "the Great Passover." That church will be a rich church, and shall be richer because of her poverty. And out of her poverty, many shall be made rich. If we as a church have only money, and lands to show for our being here on earth, indeed we are very poor. But God has said "bring ye the tithes into the store house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3. Yes if the church will only believe. Saith the Lord, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall they give into your bosom, for what measure ye meet it shall be measured unto you again." Brother ministers do you preach this command of the Lord? If not why? My brethren when you come before the Lord, what will be "measure of your interests in His kingdom?" exactly the measure of your giving here. This is divine law, and by it will we be able to stand or fall. "Only believe" and ye shall see the glory of God. I receive many pressing calls to hold meetings elsewhere, but cannot, sometimes for want of means, and then I can not take the time. Truly the harvest is great, and the laborers are few."

Our work here in the city is prospering, but still there is much room for good to be done, and we have not been able to do all

we have felt called to do. Many souls are perishing. I called on a family recently, where the wife said she had not been to church for twelve years. This woman "thought one church was just as good as another," said she thought they were all doing good work, and that she "believed 'em." Here was a belief that will never see the glory of God.

As the month comes round, we find ourselves often short of means for expenses, and feel the need greatly. But we thank God for the faithful ones who remember us, and take courage. Sometimes we have written to our Secretary, and he has sent the needed amount out of his private means. I enjoyed Brother Cassell's article in last EVANGELIST, "Peter in the Storm." I too have been walking on the waters, and felt the need of the Master's faith and help. Sometimes it came in the form of a check, with Brother Cassell's name signed to it. Praise the Lord for His people of faith. It is our faith, your faith, and the power of the Lord that enables us to walk the waters, in the storms.

Last Sunday was about the hardest wind and snow storm I remember of ever seeing, yet, forty-seven were out to the Sunday School, and in the afternoon, nineteen were present at the Junior meeting. Praise the Lord. One precious soul confessed the Lord last night in baptism, and another is ready, but circumstances prevented, and others are near the kingdom. We hope to have brother I. D. Bowman, with us in a special effort about the first of April; we have the promise, and I know all our readers will feel interested in this meeting. Pray for us, and for the meetings now in progress here. Last week Brother Livengood was with us in our weekly Teachers' meeting, we enjoyed his talk very much. We are always glad to have our friends call, and also glad for theirs.

We are now in need of means, as the cold weather makes demands on us heavier than usual. I am praying the Lord that the brethren may send in "tithes" that there may be meat in the house. Pray for us. Those words, "saidest I not unto thee, that if thou wouldst only believe thou shalt see the glory of God," have often given me strength.

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